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From: TimotheAnn.Worswick@CH2M.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:51 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

When will money from lobbyist and Corporations stop dictating the direction the Government takes to "protect" certain segments of our Society. Please do not support risking our health for safety of those who choose outright to ignore theirs! Your own children and grand-children that will suffer the consequences of your actions.

Is it safe to sleep in Roach Killer powder? Is the benefit worth the risk? The public comment period on a proposed law to flameproof mattresses ends 3-14-05. (This is YOUR LAST CHANCE TO STOP THIS LAW) Send your comments direct to CPSC (the US Consumer Products Safety Commission) at <cpsc-os@cpsc.gov> #####

I received this shocking email from News@PeopleForCleanBeds.org the other day.

See the whole article at
<http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/>

I was sure it was just another urban legend, but I checked it out. I went into our local bed store and ASKED them. This information is correct. At the mattress store they recommend that the best thing to do is buy a mattress really fast before the new law takes effect (it is good to know that all their OLD mattresses will be on sale as the new law takes effect since they will have to dump them).

In any case, in my own humble personal opinion, anybody stupid enough to smoke in bed DESERVES to burn themselves up and I don't need to poison myself over the next 50 years to protect them. So -- read the information at <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/>, and if you choose to comment to the law-makers, please do. Write to them at <cpsc-os@cpsc.gov>. In your email comment, put the following in the subject line.

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From: Lynda [d.cordry@gte.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:36 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.

I am writing to let you know that I am against the proposed law to flameproof mattresses. I am very sensitive to chemicals (insect sprays, perfumes, etc.), and react when exposed to them. I have a son who is autistic and he also has many sensitivities to chemicals as well. I cannot believe this law would force everyone to purchase mattresses with this additive when everyone does not smoke--not to mention that many who do smoke never smoke in bed! If someone does not have enough sense to not smoke in bed, should I (and my family) have to be subjected to these chemicals? Surely there are better ways to solve this problem.

Thank you,

Lynda Zimmerman Cordry

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> ends
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> <cpsc-os@cpsc.gov>
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From: Peggutha@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:21 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Dear People, I am greatly concerned about your overzealousness to destroy perfect beds to replace with chemically laden ones. These chemicals could have great harm and long term bad effects on children and people of all ages. The idea to prevent fire in bed is not serving the public good AT ALL. PLEASE reconsider.

Thank you for listening.

Yours truly,,

Peggy Butler

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From: Joyce Becraft [jbecraft@accessbee.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:20 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Mattress NPR

Help! Does anybody know if putting down pads or covers on top of their new mattresses provides any protection from the unsafe chemicals being used in the fireproofing process? We think that the buyer should have the choice of a mattress without these chemicals and that the law in California should be changed to this effect. It should also not be implemented in other states. Those who are not smokers should not have to pay the health prices for those who are (or those who are dumb enough to smoke in bed).

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From: Karin Neary [tkneary@peoplepc.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:10 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Mattress NPR

Please DO NOT allow this law regarding flameproofing mattresses to go through. As a mom to two special needs children who are sensitive to chemicals (I am sensitive as well), I am very opposed to this law. Perfumes, fragrances, chemicals sprayed on clothing at department stores, etc. all of these things and things like it affect us negatively. Having to sleep for 8-12 hours on a chemical laden mattress would be disastrous. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Karin Neary

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From: Evanssix@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:09 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: (no subject)

I am disgusted and embarrassed to read of the new law that is being considered and supported to place poison in our mattresses. How disgusting that people want to place these deadly chemicals in our mattresses to what save 300 lives of the people that choose to smoke in bed. These people already choose to kill themselves by inhaling toxins in cigarettes and that is their choice. As far as I am concerned I enjoy my body and my health, and that right should be protected. If manufacturers wish to mass produce poisonous mattresses then they should certainly be the only option on the market. I should be forced to lay my body, and the bodies of my children, on a mattress that is made of deadly chemicals. In this country of freedoms and choices we as a nation get carried away at times, but this is one choice I and many others would support. There are enough chemicals that we are exposed to these days more is not the solution. There is a rise in asthma and allergies and autoimmune diagnoses as well as disease like alzheimers and it coincides with a rise of artificial substinces. Do we really want to continue with this trend? I certainly don't neither does my family and I demand to have a choice in this decision. Shame on those who support this and other legislation of this matter. Eden Evans- concerned citizen and parent Thank you for your time.

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From: AndreaJesus10@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:03 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Potential Spam: Rat Poison Doesn't Rock!!

We don't need to be putting rat poison in our mattresses and increase the health risks for thousands of sensitive individuals, myself included. And it's just too darned dangerous, period!

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From: Gloria Blaes [gblaes@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:02 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Our lives are polluted everyday, in everyway by the air we breathe and the food we eat. Many adults and children are paying a heavy price with damage to their bodies done by all the chemicals we breathe and eat. As a child never did I see the large numbers of children suffering from allergies, neurological disorders and so many rare diseases. Do we really need to add another potential killer to our already poisoned lives? I am pleading with you, please do not let this bill pass. We should not have to pay for the careless mistakes others make by choosing to "light-up" in their beds.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

G. Blaes

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From: pcjack4@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:50 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Addition of poisons to our mattresses.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a sufferer of **MultipleChemicalSensitivity**. It was brought to my attention that a law is in the works to add poisonous chemicals to mattresses. The results would be devastating to hundreds of thousands of those who suffer from MCS and Lung related conditions such as asthma. The mattress could be made available to smokers who take their lives in their hands every day by their filthy habit. If they didn't smoke in bed these chemicals would not be necessary. At least give those of us who care about our health a fighting chance. **DO NOT PASS THIS LAW!!! PLEASE I AM BEGGING YOU!!!**

I could go on and on but ... please Listen!!!

Sincerely begging, C.D. Jackson

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From: everyflavorbeans [everyflavorbeans@mchsi.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:46 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Mattress NPR

I don't want roach killer in my mattress!! Don't do it!!!

Francie Dunlap, Ames, Iowa

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From: info [info@smithvillage.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:45 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Potential Spam: Mattress flamability

As a mattress retailer, I am asking you - please do not put into the effect your regulations on mattress flammability that require manufacturers to use flame retardants that will most likely put our customers' health at risk. Studies need to be done to ensure that the materials used in these mattresses do not result in long-term health problems for nearly everyone who uses these new mattresses.

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From: Kendra Korthauer [whoop97@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:52 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing as the parent of children who are EXTREMELY sensitive to chemicals to ask that you DO NOT PASS regulations requiring flame-retardant chemicals in mattresses. Until you have safety data proving that there are no harmful effects from long term, nightly (ALL NIGHT) exposure to these chemicals (skin, reproductive, neurological and behavioral effects), it does not seem to be in the best interest of the general public to require this "safety" precaution.

Thank you,

Kendra Korthauer

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From: Jennifer [JBgranny@webtv.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:42 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress MPR

To Whom It May Concern,

I am very upset about this new law that is set to be passed. Never before has there been so many cancers and other diseases which can be directly linked to chemical exposure. I am pleading with you to not add this to our mattresses. Please do not let this law pass. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
JBgranny

www.thehungersite.com
www.thebreastcancersite.com

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Take care and God bless. Pray fervently for the unsaved.

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From: Nora-Lee The Lovely [nll@troythemighty.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:37 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Mattress NPR

Please do not make this a law. I do not smoke and even if I did, this is the risk I take. I try to live as organically as possible and it is not very cost friendly. If you pass this law it will now make it impossible for me to purchase standard retail mattresses. I will find an organic source because I will not sleep on these chemicals.

Please don't do this.

Sincerely,
Nora-Lee

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From: CLSBowers@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:35 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

To Whom it May Concern,

If there is a ballot out there to ban soaking mattresses in chemicals so they won't burn I want to be on it. I for one have a child, two children for that matter, that are very chemical sensitive. This would not benefit us and many others out there that have a problem.

Please Please Please - don't do this.

and besides..... if a person is stupid enough to smoke in bed let them burn.

Charity Bowers

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From: RhondaNoGo@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:31 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Please stop this bill from passing! I have a child - like many thousands of other children in this country, that is sensitive to chemicals, artificial coloring, artificial flavorings and many other things. We are at a place in time where behavioral issues abound in children as well as adults. It hard enough to control the things that enter the lives of such sensitive people that requiring them to sleep on a matters that is filled with chemicals is absurd. Will there be a "medication" to remedy the problems that occur from this that will potentially create more problems? Please give my child and all others one less reason to suffer. Don't allow boric acid in mattresses.

Thank you!

Rhoda Buffet

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From: Julie Randolph [Julie_4117@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:07 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flame resistant mattresses

Hello,

I just received a haunting e-mail about flame resistant mattresses.

#1 I, nor anyone in my household smokes so our risk of catching our bed on fire is 0!
#2 My daughter and myself are highly sensitive to harmful chemicals especially formaldehyde. We would NOT be able to sleep on these mattresses.

I highly urge to reconsider this decision to make all mattresses flame resistant.

Chemicals are very dangerous, the lack of study on the long term affects is a major concern, and we will not be able to sleep on these mattresses. What would be the alternative? People should have a choice. For those of us who are intelligent enough NOT to smoke especially in bed, then we should be able to have a bed that is safe for us to sleep in.

Thank you for your time,

Roger and Julie Randolph

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From: Skippysmit@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:06 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: New law that mattresses resist ignition from open flames

I have 3 young children who are allergic to a wide variety of foods and chemicals. I do not want to see this law pass. I think that the consumer should be able to determine what qualities they want in a mattress. If it is important that mattresses resist ignition from open flames then people will spend the extra money to purchase mattresses with that quality. (I spent a lot more money on my car so that we would have curtain side air bags.) I feel that a large number of people, however, would rather not sleep in all the chemicals that will be used to flame proof a mattress. I know that my family is particularly sensitive to chemicals. I think that there is a much higher probability of my children suffering a wide range of symptoms (they currently have ear infections, sinus infections, hyperactivity, night terrors, swelling of the eyes, red watery eyes, irritable bowel syndrome) when they are exposed to an allergen. We can't live in a home with carpet because of their allergies. Will I now have to make them sleep on the floor? Why don't you suggest to the mattress industry that they create some of their mattresses with this quality and see if the consumer is really interested?

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From: Joan Lehmann [joan.lehmann@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:47 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: No Boric Acid in my Mattress please!

This email responds to the proposed introduction of flame retarding chemicals in new mattresses.

As the mother of an autistic child, I ask that you do not include any chemicals in his mattress that may later prove harmful to my son. There does not appear to be enough research done that spells out the long term effects on children of sleeping on mattresses containing such chemicals.

Even if he were not special needs, I would ask that you keep all chemicals such as boric acid away from where he sleeps for 10 hours/day.

Thank you for considering my opinion on this matter.

Joan Lehmann

My email address has changed. Please update your address book to: joan.lehmann@verizon.net

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From: Deckard5150@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:35 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I don't want to sleep on a mattress full of chemicals.

Ehren Ellerbee

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From: teachmlove@charter.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:16 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Cc: creese5228@charter.net
Subject: Mattress NPR

PLEASE!!! Do not let this happen!! If someone is irresposible enough to smoke in bed...then so be it as to what happenes to them. But the rest of the public that DOESN'T smoke shouldn't have to be exposed to these chemicals because of someone elses carelessness!! THIS IS WRONG!!!!!! We are soon to have to buy new mattresses for our bed. Now we have to buy even sooner to get ones that haven't been tampered with. I ask you again... PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE. Do NOT let this pass!!!! People whom smoke do so by choice. But the ones of us who do NOT smoke will be forced to buy these mattresses. And this is WRONG!!! Very Sincerely, Connie R. Reese in SC

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From: Aaran McKinnon [aaran@lightsp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:18 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: mattress npr

I WANT THIS NONSENSE STOPPED!!!! DO NOT LET THE MATTRESS INDUSTRY PUT
FIRE PREVENTION CHEMICALS IN OUR BEDS.....HAVE YO ALL LOST YOUR
MINDS????????? FIRES ARE DEVASTATING BUT WE SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
NOT STARTING STUPID FIRES LIKE SMOKING I N BED. PLEASE DON'T LET
THE REST OF US SUFFER FOR THE FEW WHO ARE IRRESPONSIBLE!!!!!! Aaran
Mckinnon

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From: Gary & Carolyn Lamson [gllamson@deskmedia.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:08 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Mattress NPR

I am opposed to the proposed law to flame proof all mattresses with chemicals known to cause cancer and other medical problems. The proposed law is essentially exposing the entire population of our country to an experiment that would never pass any Institutional Review Board at any major medical center in the United States!

Gary L. Lamson, M.D

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From: MKoross@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:06 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Chemicals in Mattresses

**PLEASE DO NOT PASS THE LAW ALLOWING
POTENTIALLY TOXIC CHEMICALS IN MATTRESSES!!!!**

I try to raise my family and live a life as natural as possible, free of potentially harmful chemicals where possible. It disturbs me greatly that chemicals are added to certain products, particularly when there isn't much of an alternative, such as with these mattresses. If the law is passed, I will have no choice but to purchase futon mattresses. Life is always full of risks, and I would rather take the risk of having my or a member of my family's mattress ignite rather than exposing our bodies to chemicals which haven't been proven to be safe. **I IMPLORE YOU NOT TO PASS SUCH A LAW.**

Michelle Koross

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From: Louise Mori [lmori@benefitsnw.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:01 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I have heard of the law to put poisons into mattresses to make them fireproof. How can anyone believe that this will help society -- when it is scientific fact that such poisons cause cancer???

It is not the fault of others that some smoke in bed and start fires. The rest of society should not have to suffer increased cancer because of such a law!!!

I am absolutely opposed to such nonsense. Please -- help society, don't hurt it.

~Louise Mori~

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From: Lonnit [lonnit@ontheisland.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:46 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I beg you to STOP this horrendous idea to add boric acid to mattresses! I am outraged by such an inane concept. We are already exposed to too many chemicals. We don't need to be breathing this is for 33% of our day, every day, for our entire lifespans!

Sincerely,
J Richards

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From: Wade & Ollie Allen [oallen@gotricounty.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:48 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: MATTRESS NPR

PLEASE DO NOT POISON OUR SENSITIVE CHILDREN OR ANY OF US BY THIS PROPOSED LAW TO
FLAMEPROOF
OUR MATTRESSES. PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS PROPOSED
LAW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
YOURS, OLLIE ALLEN

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From: Minter, Ruth [RutMin@northarundel.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:24 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flameproof mattresses

People will be forced to sleep on mattresses that are full of dangerous concentrated chemicals. The risk is great for everyone, but for people with sensitivities to chemicals and for children, this could be a death sentence. I urge you to vote against this and not force everyone to have to use these mattresses. If some people want them, then offer an alternative for those of us who don't. People should not smoke in bed....if they do, they should be willing to suffer the consequences. Ruth Minter

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From: Julie Machado [juliemac@pacbell.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:24 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Refuse Flame Retardant Mattresses

I urge you to resist making mattresses flameproof. As a chemically-sensitive person, I believe this is just asking for increased health problems in the general populations. This is a disaster waiting to happen. Don't be a part of it! Don't let the chemical industry convince you to require this of people! What will parents do when their chemically-sensitive children can't tolerate sleeping on these mattresses? This scenario is absurd. You must protect the public's health, or you don't deserve your position. You are the gatekeeper: PLEASE refuse more flame retardant poisoning of our environment.

Julie Machado
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From: jimmi@grandestatehomeandgarden.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:15 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Cc: mark@strobels.com
Subject: FLAMEPROOF MATTRESS HEARING

March 9, 2005

DEAR CPSC CHAIRMAN H STRATTON;

I AM A CALIFORNIA MATTRESS RETAILER.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU ARE HAVING FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FLAMEPROOF REQUIREMENTS OF MATTRESSES.

HAVING BEEN SELLING THE NEW "FLAMEPROOF" MATTRESSES IN CALIFORNIA FOR THE PAST 3 MONTHS, WE ARE HEARTENED BY THE CONSUMER ANGER OVER THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION REQUIRING THESE UNREASONABLE STANDARDS. JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THE U.S. PUBLIC HAD NO INTEREST IN A GOOD OLE FIGHT, WELL THE NEW MATTRESS LAW IS HITTING A RAW NERVE. THE CONSUMER IS FEELING BETRAYED BY THEIR LAWMAKERS. THEY FEEL ONE MORE CHOICE HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM, AND THAT THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY HAS ONCE AGAIN BOUGHT THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE.

ONE COMMENT WE HEAR OVER AND OVER IS "NO ONE ASKED ME AND MY FAMILY IF WE WANTED A FLAMEPROOF BED!" ALSO WE OFTEN HEAR "WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE TELL ME THEY WERE GOING TO PASS SUCH A BILL!"

I'VE HAD CUSTOMERS TELL ME THEY WOULD "GO OUT OF STATE TO PURCHASE THEIR MATTRESS." AS A RETAILER, I AM AFRAID TO STIR THE POT MUCH MORE, AS MY 19 EMPLOYEES AND MY FAMILY DEPEND ON MATTRESS SALES FOR AN INCOME. MY MATTRESS BUSINESS IS FLAT BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN PRICES. TO EXPLAIN THE NEW HIGHER PRICES WE ARE FORCED TO MENTION THE NEW FLAMEPROOF LAW, SO WE ARE IN A TOUGH POSITION.

I UNDERSTAND THAT A VOTE AGAINST THIS LAW WAS A LEGISLATORS EQUIVALENT TO A VOTE FOR "BURNING CHILDREN."

OUR CALIFORNIA LAW MAKERS DID NOT TAKE THE TIME TO THINK THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE THROUGH.

I PERSONALLY WOULD NOT PUT MY FAMILY ON A CALIFORNIA FLAMEPROOF MATTRESS.

PLEASE DO NOT FORCE YOUR FAMILY OR OTHER CITIZENS INTO THIS SAME SHAMEFUL DILEMMA OF BURNING vs POISONING!

KIND REGARDS,

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From: Jenny Puzino [groovymommy2003@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:04 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: do not poison my bed!

your new law is absurd! I don't want someone telling me that I have to sleep on chemicals. my son had heavy metal poisoning, toxic in antimony from flame retardant in his mattress. it caused developmental problems and illness. we put a vapor barrier on his mattress and had to chelate and now he is clean from antimony. in new zealand, they believe that antimony is a major cause of SIDS, and have implemented the vapor barrier for baby's mattresses and then SIDS rates have dropped dramatically. if you go forward with this... you will have to live with the fact that you are slowly killing us all... effects may not be immediate, but cancer rates and autoimmune illnesses will rise. I can't believe that you think it's ok to add more toxic chemicals to our systems when we are all toxic already. that must be one hell of a deal you got going to disregard our safety to increase your pocketbook!

jenny puzino
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From: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Feltrop [feltropranch@webtv.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:03 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: matteress

Please don't expose us and our children to any more toxins than they already are. Say no to the flame retardent in the new mattresses. Be a dept. in the gov't that makes a decision that makes sense for once. Sincerely; Mark Feltrop

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RTS

From: P Thorp [pthorp@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:52 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

PLEASE, PLEASE do not push through the proposed law attempting to flame-proof mattresses. Please wait to do some additional research on the effect these chemical have on humans -- particularly our children.

Thank you.

Patti Thorp
306 Manor Ridge Drive
Carrboro, NC 27510

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From: forest [forest@talk-story.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:47 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: chemical beds

dear folks, i am concerned about hearing about a recent law in the making to put chemicals in bed mattresses to prevent bugs and fire....i am concerned that this law would restrict some chemically sensitive people who feel they do not want these chemicals in their beds, that they may feel infringed on by overregulated government agencies and would have less free choice of their own in choosing what type of bed or mattress to sleep on....please do not pass this law, we need more free choices in life, not all of us agree the government always acts carefully or in our best interests in matters of this kind....aloha,

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forest@talk-story.net
<http://www.lavazone2.com/forest/>

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From: Helen Applequist [helen_applequist@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:46 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Dear sirs,

I am petrified at thought of this law going into effect! You see, I have multiple allergies and several of them are life threatening. One of the life threatening ones I have is Boric Acid. How in the hell am I supposed to sleep when the one thing that can kill me is in my mattress without my consent? Are you prepared for the lawsuits that will follow this chemical experiment? This law must not go into effect!! I will be forced to sleep on floors, sofas or blankets for the rest of my life! I am a smoker and I know there are people dumb enough to smoke in bed but making all of us pay for the crimes of a few is ludicrous!!!

Do not pursue this bill!

H. Applequist

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From: roberta desRoches [desrochesga@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:32 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: mattress NPR

Roberta DesRoches
desrochesga@earthlink.net

Why do I and others like myself have to suffer having our mattresses covered in chemicals so that some idiot who smokes in bed can have a better chance of surviving a mattress fire. Anyone stupid enough to smoke in bed deserves to pay the consequences of his or her actions.

My grandson is highly allergic to numerous things including many chemicals. For gods sake Don't make things any harder for parents of such children by bombarding our sleeping area with chemicals. Think! think! think! about the hundreds of thousands of families who will suffer because of this stupid idea.

Roberta DesRoches

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From: JANJIM17@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:28 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: mattress npr

Hippocrates left us with the admonition: "First do no harm." Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidene Chloride, Zinc Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause cancer. Forced inclusion of these chemicals in our mattresses constitutes a human experiment without consent.

Jan Albert
Ft Myers FL 33931

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Grace Aiello [joshgta@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:20 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Dear Sir,

I want to express my dismay upon hearing information that bed mattresses will have applications of chemicals in order to render them flameproof. I find it highly disturbing that chemicals and toxins will be applied to something that I and my family will have direct contact with for approximately 8 hours in a 24 hour span. With the increase in cancer rates over the years, is it wise to introduce yet more pollutants to the human body that it is unable to fight off? In my understanding, mattresses usually are not known to spontaneously combust, and are flammable only if flame is applied directly. I think it would be a better, safer and less toxic alternative to continue to educate people not to smoke in bed. I think that would reduce the number of cases of mattress fires better than covering them in noxious retardants. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Grace

Aiello

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Whittlepat@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:06 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing to object to the law proposing that strong chemicals be added to our mattresses in order to resist open flames. These chemicals have the potential to harm a lot of chemically sensitive people. I object strongly to the fact that the only mattress available to me soon will include these chemicals. I urge you to not make this law.

Sincerely,

Pat Whittle
44299 Ladiesburg Pl.
Ashburn, VA 20147

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Eduardo Pier [epier4tricon@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:36 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Anit-flame mattress

The general population should be able to chose if they want to purchase one of these poisonous mattresses. They should not be made into law. If this law should be approved, I will continue to use my same old mattress until the day I die!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you,
Kathie Pier.

P.S.
Have we not already been poisoned enough?

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: joan gantz [jgantz@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:41 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Proposed Mattress Law

To whom it may concern;

This proposed new law deeply disturbs me. I have a chemically sensitive son. There has been an increasing amount of auto-immune disorders. There has been a 400% rise in Autism (all of these children have chemical sensitivities.) I do not want my family to sleep in Boric acid filled mattresses. Please stop this law. If a smoker wants to special order one than let him but we should not be forced to sleep in them!

Please stop this.

Sincerely,

J. E. Gantz MA,LMFT,DAPA

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: SHEILA Gaston [Sheila.Gaston@state.co.us]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:15 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Vote against flameproof mattresses...!!

I just heard about this new law that is being considered. Since when does the public not have a choice. Let us make our own decisions when we purchase our mattresses. This should not be mandatory. So many people already have suppressed immune systems and with our health care crisis, when cannot afford to put the public at this kind of risk. I implore you to reconsider this direction. I do not want to sleep on a bed full of chemicals...!!

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: bjmbenson@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:13 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.

To Who it may concern,

I do not want you to pass a law requiring flame-proof mattress. You do not even know what these chemicals will do to healthy people.

Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause cancer. Some are known to be a reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone.

Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.

Brian Benson
Liberty Corner, NJ

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: tthreads in motion embroidery [oakthreads@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:04 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: flame retardant mattresses

Please do not pass this regulation to further chemicalize mattresses. The products you are planning to use have a broader range of possible allergic reaction and physical debilitation to healthy users than the damage that "might possibly" be attained would call for.

What ever happened to personal responsibility? (i.e. not smoking in bed.)

I sincerely hope that you receive many, many requests not to do this to the populace. Thank you. (Mrs. Sandra Oakes.

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Chris and Susan Nicholl [jcnicholl@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:00 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Please stop this law putting Boric Acid in our mattresses. Constant exposure to a chemical that kills things can not be good. The number of children with Asthma , children with allergies and other ailments is escalating everyday. We need to stop and think about our actions and how they effect our lives.

Thank you for your time
Sincerely,
Susan F.Nicholl

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Dean W Claus [dbwwclaus@juno.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:41 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

To whom it may concern,

Please do not contaminate mattresses with roach killer powder. I have a son who is VERY sensitive to products like this.

Thank you,
Berniece Claus, mom

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Gunter A. Vukic [gunter@modular-usa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:54 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

After reading both sides of this issue I find myself terrified at the thought that my government would move forward and expose our population to the harmful chemicals every night for the rest of our lives and that of our offsprings. It is beyond me how we can be led down such a dangerous path over the fear that someone might ignite their mattress. The government is apparently working to reduce smoking in general (Rhode Island has passed a new smoking ban effective March 1 banning smoking in all public bldgs) and you are now considering this insane idea to protect mostly those crazy enough to smoke in bed. Please do not let this happen, you will be exposing generations to harmful toxic chemical with God know what result.
Thank you for your consideration.
Gunter A. Vukic
5 Karen Dr., N. Providence, RI

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: JTOMAN [jtoman@wi.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:51 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress flameproofing

I have many allergies. Adding a multitude of chemicals to the beds I may sleep on will be a major health concern to me. I am not the only person with sensitivities. Children are also more likely to be affected negatively because they are small and because they are growing. Please reconsider this legislation. It may be an option for those who want it. It should not make it harder to me to live and be healthy! It should not use our children as guinea pigs to determine problems for them as time goes on.

Julie Toman

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: CCasey60@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:47 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flame Proof Mattresess

Flame proofing mattresses is crazy. Why should everyone be exposed to toxic chemicals? If people are foolish enough to smoke in bed then they deserve to let their mattresses catch on fire. Would you punish everyone who drinks alcohol for the stupid people that drink & drive?

Cheryl Casey
100 Cass Avenue, B4
Dracut, MA 01826

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: jean public [jeanpublic@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:43 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Cc: rodney.frelinghuysen@mail.house.gov
Subject: i do not want mattresses soaked in poisonous chemicals

saving 300 people from fire is one thing but making
millions sick from cancer through having to sleep in
poisons in their mattresses is not a good idea.

i think cpsc should never allow this.

please make sure mycomments against this government
move is put on the record.

b. sachau
15 elm st
florham park nj 07932

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<http://mail.yahoo.com>

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Marsha Matte [mmatte@wi.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:41 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I strongly encourage you to not require new mattresses to include chemical flame proofing. For those of us who try so hard to limit our exposure to chemicals, it will mean that unless we make our own mattresses, we will be forced to breathe chemicals many hours a day. For children and adults with sensitivities, this will increase the occurrence of various allergies and conditions (i.e. asthma, ADHD, autism, behavioral problems, cancer, etc.). I believe it will also increase problems for those who do not yet have sensitivities.

Please, do not force the mattress industry to flame proof mattresses.

Thank you,
Marsha Matte

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: DAN BEIGHTER [georgesdads@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:37 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

While it may seem odd that a person who both smokes and has no children would be interested in this issue, I am compelled to express my concerns regarding the proposal to add potentially dangerous chemical compounds to mattresses. I am concerned that one of the chemicals proposed is the very same chemical used to exterminate fleas from the concrete floor of a home in which I recently lived. Boric acid, the chemical I am speaking of, was deemed to unsafe for even my pet to come in contact. While it was effective at killing the fleas, it is not a substance that I would want to have in my mattress.

History has shown us that adding chemicals and chemical compounds into environments where there is prolonged exposure to human beings has had dire consequences. Lead based paint and asbestos are the two that come quickly to mind. I accept the potential consequences of the choices I make. I do not accept the potential consequences that may come as a result of this decision. I encourage all involved with this proposal to merely take a step back. If I am foolish enough to expose my bed to an open flame than I am bound to the consequences for that choice. If I have insect infestation issues, then I can make an informed decision to decide what measures I will take to eliminate the issue. This is a simple matter of choice, like so many health related issues. While I appreciate the concern from the legislative powers that be, I would appreciate even more the opportunity to make these choices independently and apart from my government.

Thank You,

Todd Graves *

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: ARLENE CHAPIN [achapin@flash.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:27 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I understand that there is consideration being given to putting chemicals inside mattresses to make them fire resistant.

If this is to address those who are foolish enough to smoke in bed, this is ridiculous. Why would you pass a law that impacts 100 percent of the population in order to help a smaller and smaller minority of smokers. If they smoke in bed, then Darwin was right!

My family is very sensitive to chemicals and has allergies that will be adversely impacted if this law goes into effect. (And no, mattress pads do not work to keep these sensitivities in check!) I do not want my children or any of my family or friends sleeping on and breathing in the chemicals that will be necessary to make these mattresses "safe." Protection from fire has a minor possibility of occurring, whereas sleeping on that mattresses every day, sometimes twice a day if the child still takes naps, is a bigger danger!

Please vote against the law that may save a few from fire but will be a major, negative health issue to more and more children and their families.

Thank you for your vote against this law - Arlene Chapin

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Rick and Amanda Johnson [akayjohnson@charter.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:16 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: ROACH KILLER

KEEP THE BORIC ACID OUT OF OUR MATTRESSES! THEIR ARE ENOUGH CARCINOGENS OUT THERE
WE HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST! PLEASE KEEP THIS OUT!!! THIS IS UNSAFE FOR HUMANS!!!

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Barbara Jackins [bdjatty@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:07 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flame retardant mattresses

Please do not pass the law that requires mattresses to be flame retardant. The chemicals to be used appear to be potentially harmful. My family and I have chemical sensitivities. This could needlessly exacerbate our health problems. We want a choice in our selection of sleeping materials. Thank you,

Barbara Jackins
bdjatty@earthlink.net
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Katekat25@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:04 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

As a parent of a chemically sensitive child I am STRONGLY opposed to the proposed law to flame-proof mattresses. I feel placing extra chemicals in a mattress is a terrible idea. I understand that the hope is to save lives, but the benefits are far outweighed by the possible risk. At the very least don't pass this law hastily - take time to study the possible side effects.

My daughters reaction to irritating chemicals in her system is extreme behavioral problems. In this country there are so many children with unexplained social/emotional problems. I feel we need to closely look at the chemical we place in all of our products and not rush a law through without serious study and reflection.

I AM OPPOSED TO FLAME-PROOFING MATTRESSES.

Sincerely,
Katherine Gitler
952.930.0797

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: DAN SARAH BURNS [burns5555@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 5:55 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Dear CPSC,

Please do NOT pass the law to flameproof mattresses. We have two children who are very sensitive to additives/preservatives/chemicals etc. Imagining them sleeping on a bed flameproofed in chemicals sends chills up my spine. It would honestly be the beginning of the end for them. They have to drink purified water, eat organic food, have their clothes laundered without detergent, etc. etc. Our lives are so complex already, I can't imagine having to make a bed for them, too. (We would honestly have to create our own mattress instead of buying one with chemicals on it.) There are better ways to preserve our health than this. (smoke detectors, public education, fire safety awareness, etc. etc.) I understand your intent to preserve life, but in insisting mattresses to be flameproof you would be damaging more lives than you'd be saving. Why not give the public the option to purchase a retardant one or not, rather than forcing everyone to comply with something that we KNOW will severely damage some human beings.

Our children are very bright and social. We've worked hard to enable them to be their best. Do not pass a law that would send them backwards. If my children were yours, you'd be asking the same of yourself.

Regards,
Sarah Burns

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Michelle Taylor [michellegtaylor@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 5:22 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR
Importance: High

CPSC,

Without the appropriate test studies it is wrong to allow the change of the content of our mattresses. Not knowing what these chemicals will do to the millions of people who are breathing in and sleeping on these chemicals is just wrong.

My children are highly sensitive to chemicals in our food and chemicals they breath. We do NOT need any more gross environmental changes to influence my children's behavior. I have gone to incredible lengths to clean up their foods and environment. That can all be undone with the 9+ hours they sleep in their bed each night.

If you don't think what I'm saying is any big deal, you take my kids for 24 hours and you will certainly change your mind about how we are effected by the negligence of our FDA and other government regulations. The number of people effected by a flaming mattress is not worth the deterioration of millions health and well being.

Do not let this law pass. The benefit is not worth the risk.

Michelle G. Taylor
michellegtaylor@comcast.net

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Lisa W [LisaDW@zoominternet.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 5:20 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Dear CPSC:

While mattresses are fire hazards without flame retardant, I believe the addition of flame retardant to bedding is not worth the long-term every day health risks I, my family, and the general population would encounter from sleeping on and breathing flame retardant chemicals. The added every day risks would negate any protection the chemical's presence would have in a fire situation that will never occur to the majority of the people.

PLEASE do not make it a requirement for all mattresses to have flame retardant.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wiener
Medina, Ohio

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Liz Mitchell [liz4collegepark@earthlink.net]**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 5:02 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am concerned about the proposal to require all mattresses to be flame proof. It sounds like a laudable goal, but if you don't regulate the chemicals used to accomplish this, you could cause more problems than you solve.

My son is sensitive to some artificial colors and flavors that other people can eat without any problem. I'm concerned that my son and others like him may also be sensitive to some of these chemicals. In his case, we would need to find a mattress that was free of the chemicals he was sensitive to and that could be very difficult and expensive. It strikes me, too, that even if Boric acid is not as dangerous as a lot of people fear it is, the fact that the manufacturers need to grind it up into a fine powder means that some of it is likely to be breathed in and could cause problems just because it's a fine dust.

Please consider:

1. Requiring labels specifying chemicals used in flame proofing.
2. Delaying this until safe methods of flame proofing can be identified.
3. Not requiring this for cotton mattresses which would not burn quickly, anyway.
4. Rating mattresses for flammability and let the consumer decide what they want to buy, while requiring the chemicals used on the label.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Liz Mitchell

10286 Greystone Rd

Manassas, VA 20111-4319

703-331-1372

cc: Liz Crenshaw, Consumer Reporter at NBC 4 in Washington, DC.

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: MarySue Lareau [msl@pjsmidwest.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:48 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very much **against** the **proposed law to flameproof mattresses.**

I know many people that are allergic to chemicals and I have family members, especially my children, who are extremely allergic to chemicals.

It makes no sense to expose 300 million people to even 'low risk,' for the rest of our lives to optimistically save 300 people who smoke in bed from fire. We know the chemicals used to flameproof mattresses are very poisonous. A large amount of these chemicals are required to be concentrated at the surface of the mattress to pass an overly strict open flame test, which has been called the toughest FR standard ever. No natural or synthetic fibers can pass this test without added chemicals. The health risks are too great. We are already exposed to over one billion additional pounds of flame retardant chemicals every year, which we try hard to avoid because of the hazards to my children, but if it is in the mattresses how do you avoid bedtime? Our exposure in mattresses is unlike any other. We have full body and breathing contact eight to ten hours every day for the rest of our lives. None of these chemicals are safe in my opinion. Please do not allow this to happen.

Sue Lareau (IL)

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Sandra Shorthouse [shorthouse@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:43 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR - Poison in our mattresses GET A GRIP!!!

----- Original Message -----

From: Sandra Shorthouse
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:40 PM
Subject: Poison in our mattresses GET A GRIP!!!

I am totally against inflammable mattresses. The chemicals used to make them so is ridiculously harmful to humans. What are you thinking!!!!!! Who is in charge!!!! Come on now. Quit making decisions without public unput. This is a planet of humans that want to participate in huge decisions such as these. Get a Grip!!!! Listen to the public and get their feedback before following through on hazardous and ridiculous decisions such as these. Laws are to be made publicly by the many not by the quiet few that make money off of us. Again I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH THIS CRAZY LAW.

Sandra Shorthouse
7 Pinehill Road
St. Catharines, Ontario

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Jennifer.Bower@sjsu.edu
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:54 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.

I do not want to see this law passed! I suffer from asthma, hives, and allergies. It is a daily struggle to avoid all of the chemicals that contribute to my health problems. I do not want hazardous chemicals in my bed as well. Please do not pass this law!

Jennifer Bower
Orientation Coordinator
Student Life and Leadership
San Jose State University
One Washington Square
San Jose, CA 95192-0038
408-924-5950

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: m.scearce@att.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:34 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: flameproofing mattress laws

Feingold parent wishes to express concern over mattress chemicals law which may be a contributing factor affecting all the work I do to ensure my children live their lives to the fullest potential by avoiding chemicals, fragrances, preservatives and additives. Please consider all people and all circumstances before passing any laws for flameproofing mattresses. My concerns are not for those whom chose to smoke in their beds. My concerns are for the knowledgable choices everyone has the right to make concerning their own bodies and the bodies of their children. Harsh chemicals can affect the thinking of people who choose to eliminate the exposure to themselves. Children with disabilities cannot think for themselves so an involved parent must stand up for their rights. Thank you for your consideration concerning this issue. Paul and Andy's Mom

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Angie and Darren [5becks@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:28 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I just found out that there is a law in the works to require flameproofing for all mattresses. I STRONGLY oppose this law. Anyone with any sense knows the danger of having anything flammable around a mattress, or bedding. My family has SEVERAL people who are highly sensitive to chemicals and I don't think we should be punished or made to suffer for those who are stupid enough to smoke in bed. Why would anyone want to put such toxic chemicals next to their bodies for such a long period every single day? Doesn't anyone CARE about the health of their bodies over such a long period of time as a mattress lasts? Can't SOME mattresses be made with the flame retardancy and see how many people buy them vs how many continue to stay with the old style mattresses? Why should our choices be taken away from us? This has me SO incredibly frustrated, I can't even express it! Please take into consideration the health needs of a large number of people in this country.

Thank you,
Angela Beck

For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream. - Vincent Van Gogh

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Kathie Ziebarth [kathiez@sherbtel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:28 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

PLEASE DO NOT PUT FIRE PROOFING ON MATTRESSES!! I WILL SUFFER LONG TERM EFFECTS ON MY ASTHMATIC LUNGS!!! THESE CHEMICALS ARE WORSE FOR MORE PEOPLE THAN THOSE WHO DIE IN FIRES!!!!

Thank you
Kathie Zeibarth
Elk River, MN

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Nancy [nbrandsch@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:23 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Clean beds

Why would you endanger 300 Million to save 300?

Think first...test first. DO not endanger the entire population, especially children just because of a few irresponsible people.

DO NOT pass this "roach infested" Legislation.

Nancy Schuetz

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Gina Callaghan [gina.ed@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:18 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

To Whom It Mayt Concern:

Please do not jeopardize the health of our families and children based on lobbying from chemical companies.

Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause **cancer**. Some are known to be a **reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage** are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of **these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone**.

If our government guesses correctly, that it is safe for everyone to sleep in these chemicals, we may save up to 300 people from fire. However, our exposure in mattresses is intimate and chronic. **If they are wrong**, and they have been wrong in the past, they could harm or kill up to 300 million people. All of us sleep on a mattress.

Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.

Sincerely,
Gina Callaghan

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Mary Francell-Sharfstein [howmarplus3@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:09 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flameproof mattresses

I strongly urge you NOT to enact rules requiring mattresses be treated with flame-retardent chemicals. I am HIGHLY chemically sensitive and sleep on a 100% natural latex mattresses with an organic cotton cover. It is the ONLY mattresses I can tolerate. If you were to require all mattresses to be treated with toxic chemicals in the future, I don't know what I would do when the time comes to replace my mattress. Please do not enact this legislation!

Sincerely,

Mary Francell-Sharfstein

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: browjunk [browjunk@localnet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:05 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Dear CPSC

While mattresses are fire hazards without flame retardant, I believe the addition of flame retardant to bedding is not worth the long-term every day health risks I, my family, and the general population would encounter from sleeping on and breathing flame retardant chemicals. The added every day risks would negate any protection the chemical's presence would have in a fire situation that will never occur to the majority of the people.

PLEASE do not make it a requirement for all mattresses to have flame retardant. Couches, yes. Mattresses, no.

Sincerely,

Brandy Brow
Married mother of five
browjunk@localnet.com

3/10/2005

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: waterbed.access [waterbed.access@verizon.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:03 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Mattress NPR

Hello

Adding chemicals to mattresses would be extremely irresponsible and would be the cause of many illnesses. Most quality mattresses manufactured today to are geared and advertised to make a person more comfortable and being healthy atmosphere and this is achieved by manufacturing mattresses out of natural materials such as cotton, wool, cashmere ect.

Instead of making a mattresses fire proof they should make other laws which help prevent fires from occurring and spreading such as not building homes out of lumber, and plastics which burn quickly. Masonry should be the a nation wide building law. Carpets, rugs and wood floors are bigger problem. We all no that human error is the #1 reason for fires. A person smoking and consuming alcohol or drugs should be prosecuted severely to help prevent these foolish errors.

Another leading cause for fires are electrical fires caused by Contractors & land lords who trying to save money by taking short cuts. Also people who use low cost extension cords which burn up do to many items plugged into one extension cord.

Cheaply made extension cords should not exist.

My father and three of my uncle's are victims of Asbestos which has put them in and out of the hospital for that past 20 years.

My mother past away in 1994 do to lung cancer and she was the most careful person when came to what how she took care of herself. She never smoked and neither did my father; But what she did do was wash my fathers cloths which had asbestos dust from my fathers job and that is what we believe caused her death. You could imagen how my father felt because he beleives if he did not work with asbestos my mother would still be alive today.

So us as tax payers would hope that the U.S. government would recognize the mistakes of the past and feel the grief that the past decisions has brought to this day and age.

If this bill is past I am quite sure allot of people like my self would consider leaving the United State because this will be more proof that our country could care less about the people who really love this country

The U.S. government should consider the down fall for there actions and #1 thing to consider is losing us tax payers to other countries. When you lose one tax payer; Usually you will lose a family and eventually there close friends which will add up to big dollars when it is all said and done.

We hope the right decisions are made especially when you look at how much schooling it takes to get these high official jobs with U.S. Gov.

The citizens of the U.S. are under the impression that there are very intelligent people working for the U.S. government and we hope that is the case.

Thank-you for your time
Brian Begley

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From: melanie tai [melanietai@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:00 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am horrified that these chemicals will be required in all new mattresses without prior testing to ensure the safety of this practice.

It is absolutely unacceptable and needs to be stopped.

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From: Sheila Richardson [sheilar@toledotel.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:52 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Please **stop** the additional chemicals that are proposed to be added to consumer mattresses. We simply can not feel safe, when there is no scientific study about the long term effects. As a parent of a child who is sensitive to chemicals, I wonder what choices I will have if this is forced on our nation. Does the benefit outweigh the consequences? I'm not convinced.

Thank you,

Sheila Richardson

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From: patricerose@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:49 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.

I'VE RECENTLY JUST LEARNED OF THE NEW MATTRESSES BEING MANUFACTURED TO PREVENT FIRE HAZARD.

I AM DEFINITELY OPPOSED TO THIS.....MY CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO INHALE THIS SUBSTANCE. WE HAVE ENOUGH TO CONTEND WITH IN THE FOOD WE EAT. PEOPLE WHO SMOKE KNOW IT'S UNHEALTHY BUT CHOOSE TO DO IT ANYWAY. PEOPLE WHO SMOKE IN BED HAVE BEEN WARNED OF THE HAZARD. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULDN'T KNOWINGLY CONTAMINATE ME AND MY CHILDREN FOR THE SAKE OF PEOPLE WHO WILLINGLY CHOOSE TO CONTAMINATE THEIR OWN BODY - IT'S THERE PROBLEM AND NOW YOU ARE CREATING ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR OTHERS.

PATRICE CLARK

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From: John R Heim Jr [theheims@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:49 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: NO to Roach killer in mattresses!

We say NO to Roach Killer in mattresses!

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